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## (U) CALIFORNIA

# (U) Beaumont – Twenty-Three Arrested in Riverside County Gang Unit Sweep

(U) Nearly two dozen suspected criminal offenders were arrested in a Riverside County sweep involving local, state, and federal law enforcement personnel. Authorities served warrants and conducted parole and compliance checks at numerous locations. "Operation Pass Resolve" was the culmination of a 15-month effort to remove potential threats to public safety Riverside County. Since its inception last year, the operation has led to a total of 126 arrests and the seizure of 197 firearms, 71 pounds of methamphetamine, 55 pounds of cocaine, three pounds of heroin, and 1,100 fentanyl pills. SOURCE: 20 November 2019, Press-Enterprise

# (U) San Jose - Bomb Found on Campus Closes San Jose High School

(U) A bomb was found at a San Jose high school prompting a lockdown of the campus and the cancellation of classes. Law enforcement officers responded to reports of a suspicious package discovered by a school gardener. Authorities opted to close of the school as a precautionary measure and an investigation is ongoing.

SOURCE: 20 November 2019, LA Times

## (U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

### (U) California - CBP Officers find over 10 Tons of Marijuana Hidden in Cargo Shipment

(U) Otay Mesa – US Customs and Border Protection officers seized over 10 tons of marijuana hidden in a cargo shipment at the Otay Mesa cargo port of entry. A Mexican citizen, driving a semi-trailer, was referred to a checkpoint for further examination where 858 packages of marijuana were discovered with an estimated street value of \$8.4 million. The driver was turned over to Homeland Security Investigations for further processing.

SOURCE: 20 November 2019, <u>US Customs and Border Protection</u>

#### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Idaho – Fifteen Gang Members Indicted on Meth Charges

(U) Boise – A federal grand jury has indicted 15 gang members and associates accused of distributing methamphetamine in southwestern Idaho. The indictments involve the West Side Loma gang and 14 of the suspects were already in custody or taken into custody following the indictments. The suspects charged with distribution of methamphetamine face up to 20 years in prison. SOURCE: 20 November 2019, <u>Washington Times</u>

#### (U) New York- Racist Manifesto Sent to Students at Syracuse University

(U) Syracuse – An investigation is under way after officials received reports a "white Supremacist manifesto" was sent to students at Syracuse University. It was the latest in a series of racist incidents

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that have been reported on the upstate New York campus. The school has added security and the reports are investigated. Police advised the manifesto appears to be that of the suspected New Zealand mosque shooter.

SOURCE: 20 November 2019, BBC News

(U) Ohio – Woman Sentenced to 15 Years on Terrorism Charges for Plotting Attacks on Bar, Pipeline

(U) Cleveland – A Toledo woman who admitted to plotting an attack on a downtown bar and to blow up a pipeline was sentenced to 15 years in federal prison. The subject pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to provide material support or resources to terrorists and transporting explosives in interstate commerce. The subject was interested in mass murderers, including correspondence with Dylan Roof and visiting Columbine, Colorado where two shooters opened fire at a high school in 1999. SOURCE: 20 November 2019, Cleveland Plain Dealer

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

# (U) Congo-Suspected Islamist Militants Kill 19, Burn Church in Eastern Congo

(U) Goma – Islamist militiamen killed at least 19 civilians in eastern Congo, stepping up attacks on civilians in response to a military campaign against them in border areas with Uganda. The assailants, who belong to the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), a Ugandan Islamist group, also kidnapped several people and torched a Catholic church during two separate attacks. At least 70 individuals have been killed since the army campaign began three weeks ago.

SOURCE: 20 November 2019, Reuters

## (U) Somalia – US Military Drone Strike Kills Senior al-Shabaab Official

(U) Mogadishu – A Somali intelligence official stated that a US drone strike has killed a senior officer with the al-Shabaab extremist group. The unidentified officer had maintained links with foreign extremist groups with the aim or coordinating future attacks. The US military confirmed the strike and advised the al-Shabaab member had direct ties to al-Qa'ida. The strike was carried out with the support of the Somali government.

SOURCE: 20 November 2019, Chicago Tribune

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